1. The Government has introduced the Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament; which *inter alia* provides for new forms of cyber crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e-commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.

2. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is engaged in developing appropriate Security Guidelines and other best practices for securing the Information Technology infrastructure.

3. Central Bureau of Investigation and other police organizations have set up Cyber Crime Cells manned by officers who have been specially trained to handle such crimes.

4. The Government conducts several awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for judicial Officers, Law Enforcement Agencies, Cyber Forensic Scientists and other users.

Ban on Recruitment in Telecom Department

2183. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gvoernment has imposed a ban of fresh recruitment in the Telecom Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts lying vacant, circle-wise; and

(d) the time by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Telecom services are provided by two PSUs under DoT, namely Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). These PSUs have their own policies on fresh recruitment.

Call Centres in Panchayat Union

2184. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having any proposal to open Call Centres in all Panchayat Union level in the near future to provide better communication facilities for all rural population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government is not proposing to set up call centres in all Panchayat Union Level. However, the Government has approved a Scheme for Providing support for establishing 100,000